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GOVERNOR BREWER NAMES CORRECTIONS INTERIM DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR

PHOENIX – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today named Charles L. Ryan as Interim Director of the Arizona Department of Corrections and named Charles Flanagan as his Interim Deputy. Both appointments are effective today.

Charles L. Ryan has thirty years of experience in the field of corrections, having served most recently as a corrections consultant on the national and international levels. He has also served as Assistant Program Manager for the Department of Justice, as Director of the Arizona Department of Corrections, as a prison warden and as a prison administrator. He possesses in-depth, hands-on institutional skills developed at entry-level, supervisory, administrative and executive level positions from minimum to super-maximum security.

Mr. Ryan has extensive experience in the development of correctional institution policy including the formulation of the inmate classification system, the staffing and activation of various prison complexes and the development of budgetary requirements all presented to the executive and legislative branches of government. He has also been instrumental in developing operational processes designed to enhance inmate accountability and safer prisons and detention facilities. He has executive experience in human resources and inmate management processes at an agency employing over 10,000 personnel and the custody and control of more than 31,000 inmates.

Charles Flanagan has extensive and diverse experience in correctional leadership, academic/work-based education leadership and correctional industries administration. He has over 23 years of professional correctional experience, having been promoted from officer through warden and Assistant Division Director, with fourteen years of experience in executive positions and an additional five years experience in supervisory and senior security positions. Prior to his appointment by Governor Brewer, Mr. Flanagan served as Director of the Correctional Education Division of Cochise Community College in Arizona, as well as program co-chair of the college's Administration of Justice Studies program.

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